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*177 one individual offered several reasons as to why a wrist watch
805 was useful, and his answers may have fallen into several cate-
*829 gories. The total number of responses in Table XX is therefore
greater than the number of individuals in the sample.

Column A includes responses which indicate that the indi-
vidual has no knowledge as to the usefulness of a wrist watch.

• [126] In superscript^{2a} following the table itself, a number of ver-
batim responses are presented to indicate the nature and some
of the variety in this category of responses. These include
definite statements that a wrist watch has no use, and vague
statements that it's nice to know the times of the day. Several
individuals indicated that they understood that there was some
use to a wrist watch, and that if the anthropologist would im-
part this knowledge to them they would then know. Implicit in
the statements by the two Craftsmen is that though they realize
that a wrist watch has some use, they have not been sufficiently
interested to find out its use from someone who knows. The last
statement by a Talaka is interesting in that it inverts the re-
lationship between owning a thing and knowing about its useful-
ness. The order of events which he presents is not likely to
occur; he would hardly get a wrist watch before knowing what
its use was. Of the ten responses in column A indicating a
lack of knowledge of the usefulness of a wrist watch, seven oc-
cur in three groups: Kabuna, Craftsmen, and Talaka. This re-
sponse did not occur at all in two categories: Aristocracy and
NA Malams.